

SOUTH KYME GOLF CLUB SENIORS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON 27th FEBRUARY 2014

Present:

MacTowers	Seniors Captain
Paul Eales	Seniors Vice Captain
Peter Zammit	Secretary / Treasurer
Peter Williams	Committee member
Neil Gilbert	Committee member
John Spooner	Committee member.
	51 members.

Before the meeting was opened at 08.00 hrs, the Chair asked for a round of applause from the members for the hard work of club Captain Bill Dark, the Chairman Paul Hocking, Neil Gilbert, and all those members who helped out, in providing us with a top class dining area, and a top class Club house to be proud of, that now compliments our ever so very popular Golf course.

AGENDA ITEM 1- APOLOGIES.

Mike Meecham, Peter McDonald, Jim Ferguson, Bob Russell, Graham Leech, Barry Griffiths, Alan Cowie, Ian Naylor. Pete Talbot, and John Dyson.

AGENDA ITEM 2- PREVIOUS MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous AGM held on the 21st February 2013 were presented to the meeting. They were proposed as a true record by Bob Palmer and seconded by John Coulson. The vote for the proposal was carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3-MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4- CAPTAINS REPORT.

The Captain took the floor and asked for all members to rise and hold a minute silence in remembrance of three of our much liked members and friends who sadly passed away in his captaincy's year. **MR. ROYCE RENOLDS, MR. PETER OWEN, and MR. TONY PERRY.** Our thoughts are with their loved ones.

Seniors Captain report 2013 / 2014.

My year has your captain started on 28th Feb 2013 with the Captain V Vice- Captain's Drive – in Comp. which I lost 6 & 5 to Paul Eales our vice.

However, regardless of the losing start I have had a memorable year to cherish with the support I have received from you all – Thank you.

I would like **to thank my Vice-Captain Paul Eales** for all his help and support over the past year – Paul has maintained the records of all the comp. results this year including the ever popular Winter League (which members want to see the updates even before the games have finished well done Paul for your time and effort. I know Paul will make an excellent Captain but he will need your support to achieve a successful year.

I would like to **thank the 2013/2014 committee** for giving up their time to support me and the senior section in general this past year:

Seniors Secretary/Treasurer: Peter Zammit for all the time and effort organising and managing the weekly event and accounting for the cash and keeping me up-to-date on all the relevant matters.

Committee member: Pete Williams for his fund raising abilities and running the monthly draw which supports the senior's funds – I ask myself how does Pete manage it, probably you have the answer or your own views.

Committee member: John Spooner for looking after and managing the supplies for the half-way house on Thursdays and match days & organising the Seniors Open – John gave us a full entry in the Open last year, the comp. was full months before the event.

Committee member: Neil Gilbert for looking after the competition trophy's/monthly medals and all the work necessary to keep them up-to-date and available when required. Neil his committed to the senior section over the next two years, I'm sure he will enjoy it only time will tell.

Please remember each committee member also is required to do the do the booking- in on Tuesday and Thursday's on a monthly rota basis throughout the year.

Many thanks to Maureen Dark for her help with the main event raffles and the ladies that helped at the halfway house my wife **Josi**, Paul's wife **Jane** and Neil's wife **Lauranne**. Plus the **committee's ladies** for making sandwiches for the am-am

Thanks to our **Catering staff Janet, Dave, Suzanne & Emilia** for keeping us fed and watered over the last year.

Thanks to the Ground staff for the excellent course conditions throughout the year.

Our Seniors Christmas party was again a great success at the Legionnaires Club Sleaford, a full house no spare seat, and band was excellent I even had a dance – first time in three years.

20 Matches played this year (the first match at home against Rutland County was cancelled due to water logged course). A new fixture was added this year fixture list against Louth GC at Louth. This year we have a home & away match with Louth. Our match results **WON 8, HALVED 1, LOST 11. 41 different players took part** in these matches, thanks for your support. **Cliff Smith was the overall best match player contributing 10.5 pts.**, while **Neil Gilbert made the most appearances** for the team playing in 19 matches out of the total of 20 we played. Thanks to all 41 players for your support. If you enjoyed your matches –put your name down this year and support your new Captain.

New trophy donated this year “The Alec Nurse Winter League Trophy” (Alec Nurse), “The David Keats Memorial Trophy” (Mrs Zelda Keats) & “The Past Captains Trophy” (Mick Banns).

My charity this year ORCHID which support all forms of male cancer as received a total of **£4085.59p** - This has been achieved by the generosity of everyone that has supported my raffles, the Captains Water Jar, Team's on Quiz nights donating their winnings, donations from the Club Captain Bill Dark projects/functions. Senior Members donating their Tuesday & Thursday's winnings and two's winnings. For years now one member has donated his seasonal winning to the Captains charity - what can I say to you all – old guys are generous, it must come with age. I will be sending the cheque on to Orchid shortly at St Bartholomew's Hospital London, when I get their response I will post it on our notice board.

Some may be aware that - Authorisation has been granted by the SKGC Management Committee for the seniors to have their own trophy cabinet built in part of the new area of the club, on the understanding we do not display any tacky trophies (our old mate Neil Gilbert has offered to manufacture this masterpiece for us and the task is on- going – thanks Neil).

The SKGC Management Committee have recognised the request from the senior section for a Senior Section Captain's blazer– the committee approved the dark green colour selected by the current & past captains and the design of the blazer badge. The Senior Secretary has all the details regarding this issue.

Another change in the near future is that the Seniors Notice board in the entrance will soon disappear has a new Seniors Notice Board will be manufactured and mounted in the Gents changing room –on the wall

facing the external access door. This should be a vast improvement being able to read the notices without a door in the way. There's no price for guessing that Neil has kindly offered to take this on board – thanks once again Neil.

Finally I would like once again to thank you all for your support over the past year, and to wish our new Captain Paul Eales and Vice-Captain Neil Gilbert, a very successful 2014/2015.

Let's hope that the coming season 2014/15 is a good year for the senior's section and SKGC.

If I have omitted anything/anyone from my report I apologize, I'm normal like the rest of you I think - but I sometimes forget things.

Thanks for the year.

Almost - Past-Captain MacTowers.

AGENDA ITEM 5-SECRETARY / TREASURER REPORT 2013 / 2014.

This last year has been quite a year to remember for me, on personal basis, I do not wish the experience I've gone, and still going through, on my worst enemy, health wise it's been quite testing as well, and my sincere thanks to you all, for your genuine concern and support.

Doing the task of secretary / treasurer has been a God sent, because it helped to fill the time, and keep my mind on other things. I did try to fill Bill Dark and Alan Broom boots, but I could'nt even fill in their sandals let alone their boots, However with their help and experience we got there, and I am very grateful for that.

The section as you can all see for yourselves keeps getting stronger year on year, and the active members numbers playing every Tuesdays and Thursdays keep on increasing where we now average 60 plus on every outing.

Our main events, the seniors open and the invitation day once again proved to be quite successful with a full house for the Open and only one club Canwick Park not participating in our invitation day.

The away day at Belton Park was very well attended by our members and we hope for a similar number or more to take part in this years away day on the 7th July.

As you can see on the Income and expenditure report our general fund has risen quite substantially this year, this is mainly due to the nearest the pin competition which we have been holding every Thursday. Also an increase of participating Players have contributed to an increase in subs takings.

However the biggest problem of slow is still with us, I must say that after we banged on about it, things have improved, but there is still a lot of ground to make up, so please keep it in mind, and the main thing when you're out there playing is that “you shouldn't worry about the people behind you, it's the people in front you should worry about, that they are not pulling away from you”.

Copies of the audited Income and Expenditure account for the past year have been circulated and if anyone has any questions I will gladly try and answer them.

Can I please have a proposer and seconder that the I&E account is accepted by you the members.

The I&E account was proposed as a true record by Del Sumner, seconded by Alister grant and was accepted by all present.

AGENDA ITEM 6- APPOINTMENT OF CAPTAIN.

It was proposed by Peter Zammit, seconded by Peter Williams that Paul Eales to be appointed Seniors Captain for the next 12 months (2014/15).
The motion was carried unanimously by the members.

AGENDA ITEM 7-APPOINTMENT OF VICE CAPTAIN.

It was proposed by John swift, seconded by John Spooner that Neil Gilbert to be appointed Seniors Vice Captain for the next 12 months (2014/15).
The motion was carried unanimously by the members.

AGENDA ITEM 8- APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY / TREASURER.

A proposal was put forward at this point by Peter Zammit, seconded by Paul Eales that the post of Secretary / Treasurer to be split, and a separate Secretary as well as a separate Treasurer to fill in these posts. A vote was taken and passed unanimously by the members that as from the year 2014 onwards there will be an elected Secretary as well as an elected Treasurer.

It was proposed by Bill Dark, seconded by Paul Eales that Peter Zammit will be appointed Secretary for the Seniors section for the next 12 months (2014/15).
The motion was carried unanimously by the members.

AGENDA ITEM 9-APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER.

It was proposed by John Swift, seconded by Pat Stewart that Bill Dark to be appointed Treasurer for the Seniors section for the next 12 months (2014/15).
The motion was carried unanimously by the members.

AGENDA ITEM 10-APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE.

It was proposed by Peter Zammit, seconded by John Swift that Peter Williams be re-elected to the committee for the next 12 months. Motion carried.

It was proposed by Mac Towers, seconded by Peter Williams that John Spooner be re-elected to the committee for the next 12 months. Motion carried.

A new member was proposed by Mac Towers, seconded by John Swift, that Alister Grant be elected onto the committee for the next 12 months. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 11-PROPOSALS BY MEMBERS.

Only one more proposal this year (one proposed earlier and passed). This proposal was put forward by Mac Towers, seconded by Paul Eales.

The proposal is about illegibility to play in the monthly medals. It was therefore proposed that as from March 2014 onwards, any members who do not put there names forward on the entry sheet pinned on the notice board to participate in the Monthly Medal will be excluded from playing in that respective Months competition.

This was put to the members, a vote was taken, and passed unanimously.

A request was put forward at this stage, to change the existing system of separating Cat 1 and Cat 2 in the draw. This was put forward for the members to vote on.

It was defeated by a vote of 31 to 20.

So the draw will remain as it was in the past, whereupon cat1 players will draw separate to Cat 2 players, with monthly alternating of 1st and 10th tees.

AGENDA ITEM 12-ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

There was one item in AOB, Club Captain and now Senior Treasurer Mr. Bill Dark thanked the Seniors for their generosity in the past year as Club Captain, for all the money that they contributed to his fund, which enabled him to achieve his aim and present the club with a completely new club house.

There was no other business so after thanking the members for attending the meeting we went of to play some golf.

Meeting closed at 08.45.